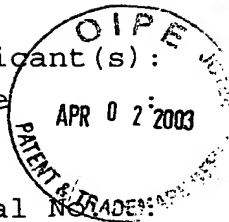


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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action for the above-identified application mailed December 31, 2003.

Before discussing this paper, the Applicants call to the attention of the Examiner that simultaneously with the filing of this Response they filed an Information Disclosure Statement for this application. Under cover of this Information Disclosure Statement, they called to the attention of the Office two documents that were recently cited by a foreign patent office in its review of a corresponding application. An acknowledgement that the cited documents were considered is requested with the reply to this paper.

In the Office Action, all of the claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103 for being anticipated by or obvious in view of Ellinas, U.S. Patent No. 6 331 905.

The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The difference between the present invention and Ellinas is clearly indicated by the following passages of Ellinas and